LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

No claim amendment is made in this reply. The claims are listed here for Examiner's convenience.

1. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a glycopeptide having at least one asparagine-linked oligosaccharide at a desired position of the peptide chain thereof, the process comprising:

(1) esterifying a hydroxyl group of a resin having the hydroxyl group and a carboxyl group of an amino acid having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group,

(2) removing the fat-soluble protective group to form a free amino group,

(3) amidating the free amino group and a carboxyl group of an amino acid having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group,

(4) removing the fat-soluble protective group to form a free amino group,

(5) repeating the steps (3) and (4) at least once,

(6) preparing an asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or an asparagine-linked monosialooligosaccharide having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group and the carboxyl group of the sialic acid protected with a benzyl, allyl, or diphenylmethyl group, wherein the benzyl, allyl, or diphenylmethyl group is introduced into the carboxyl group of the sialic acid under a condition of pH 5 to 6,

(7) amidating the free amino group and a carboxyl group of the asparagine portion of the asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or the asparagine-linked

monosialooligosaccharide having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group and the carboxyl group of the sialic acid protected with a benzyl, allyl, or diphenylmethyl group,

(8) removing the fat-soluble protective group to form a free amino group,

(9) amidating the free amino group and a carboxyl group of an amino acid having amino group nitrogen protected with a fat-soluble protective group,

(10) repeating the steps (8) and (9) at least once,

(11) removing the fat-soluble protective group to form a free amino group, and cutting off the resin with an acid.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The process for preparing a glycopeptide according to claim 1 wherein the asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or asparagine-linked monosialooligosaccharide of step (6) has at least 6 sugar residues.

6. (Previously Presented) The process for preparing a glycopeptide according to claim 1 wherein the asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or asparagine-linked monosialooligosaccharide of step (6) has 9 to 11 sugar residues.

7. (Previously Presented) The process for preparing a glycopeptide according to claim 1 wherein the asparagine-linked disialooligosaccharide or asparagine-linked monosialooligosaccharide of step (6) has attached thereto a bifurcated oligosaccharide having at least 6 sugar residues.

8- 21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 1 wherein the protective group for the carboxyl group of the sialic acid is benzyl group.

23. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 5 wherein the protective group for the carboxyl group of the sialic acid is benzyl group.

24. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 6 wherein the protective group for the carboxyl group of the sialic acid is benzyl group.

25. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 7 wherein the protective group for the carboxyl group of the sialic acid is benzyl group.